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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2015-M-44-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: December 19, 2015

Date of Death: December 19, 2015

Operator: Imerys Carbonates, LLC.

Mine: Imerys Sylacauga Operations

Contractor: MW Industrial Services,
Inc.

Death Certificate Released: February
02, 2016

Autopsy Conducted: Not Performed

Decision: Not chargeable

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In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. Mr. [REDACTED], a 57 year-old contractor employee, was riding as a passenger in a maintenance truck when he slumped over onto the driver of the vehicle. Mr. [REDACTED] was unresponsive and unconscious. Efforts to resuscitate him failed, and he was declared dead at the scene by the coroner.

MSHA's investigation was conducted between December 20, 2015 and February 08, 2016. No physical or environmental factors that could have contributed to the death were identified. The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural, and that the cause of death was sudden cardiac death. An autopsy was not performed.

Based on these findings, the committee members concluded that Mr. [REDACTED] died due to natural causes, and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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